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CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day, which always falls on September 17, is perhaps a more pertinent day of observation this year than it has been for many years. The reasons are obvious — many prominent Americans having charged in the past few months and years that our Constitution is being constantly amended or ignored.

The greatest criticism of the U. S. Supreme Court, by those who believe that the court is the main usurper of constitutional prerogatives, came recently when thirty-six of the States' Chief Justices voted to censor the U. S. Supreme Court for taking the law into its own hands and legislating. There had been other attacks, of course, from various quarters, including those from prosecuting groups who have encountered difficulties with the court in prosecuting communists and from those who believe that the Supreme Court's behavior in the school issue has been legislative rather than judicial.

But of all the criticisms, the fact that three-fourths of the Chief Justices of the respective States assail the Court remains the most impressive testimonial to the danger the country presently faces.

There are also criticisms that the Executive Department continues to grow stronger and stronger, thereby infringing on the rights of the States. This is an argument, and a process, which has continued for some time. Thus, from more than one side, the rights of the States (all of those which were not delegated to the federal government, under the Constitution) are being threatened.

No matter what one may think of the Constitution today, it must be agreed that it is a sacred instrument, and it must be preserved—for under it the United States has achieved unparalleled progress and its citizens attained great democratic and material gains. Every citizen should think seriously about the Constitution, and re-read it, and the circumstances under which it was written, on the 17th.

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EARLY FALL

The turn of September brought to many parts of the country the first cool winds following summer. Some of the nights brought the first hints of fall and the prognosticators immediately began to wonder whether we were not right in having forecast an early autumn.

It should be remembered that summer is still officially with us, and will not depart until September 23rd, at 8:10 A. M. This is a late official time for autumn, which usually begins on September 21st or on the 22nd, and sometimes on the 20th. It never begins later than the 23rd.

Winter will arrive this year on December 21st at 3:40 A. M. It will be remembered that the last winter was the most severe we have experienced in some years, and if the predictions — that we are in a cycle of colder and colder winters — are accurate, we can expect another severe winter.

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IF CHIANG FAILS

The New York TIMES reported recently that high diplomatic officials in Washington had decided that this country would definitely go to the aid of the Nationalist Chinese if the Chinese Reds attacked one or more of the small islands and appeared to be on the verge of winning.

This means, if the report of the New York newspaper is accurate, that the United States will fight if the Nationalists appear to be losing.

It means that this country is ready to risk war with a nation of 600,000,000 people, with the announced backing of Soviet Russia.

Dictator Mao of China has said that he could afford to lose 200,000,000 people and still win a war. In fact, the Chinese problem would be partly solved by the sacrifice of millions of people—disregarding all human values in life. For China is greatly overpopulated, and a sizabe reduction of the population would bring on tremendous economic results.

The United States, to be sure, has nuclear weapons and can use them—if necessary—in any large scale war with China. But this would be a move which would shock the world and turn opinion against us, almost surely. The question then arises — how will we fight the Chinese Reds if they throw major forces against us and the Nationalists, including jet planes and bombers, etc.?

Two other questions also arise: What would Russia do if we be were to become engaged in an all-out war with Chinese Reds, and would Red China seek to bomb the U. S. as a means of goading us on into all-out war so that Russia would be forced to come into the conflict without any question?

There are many considerations and ramifications to the new policy of going to Kai Shek's aid if he is about to be run off an island. We pray that such a head-on show-down may be avoided.

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It is surprising how often a busy man can find time to play a game of golf.

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People who get tired easily seldom accomplish much worthwhile work.

Washington Notes

Consumer Sanity

The recession may be ended next spring through the sanity of the American consumer, according to Dr. George Katona, director of the economic behavior program of the Survey Research Center, University of Michigan.

Dr. Katona found consumers had resisted being stampeded into buying by slogan, but added that their desires had not been sated.

According to Dr. Katona, consumers will buy when they feel they can and when given what they want.

Large Fruit Crops Seen

The largest apple crop since 1949 and the largest peach crop since 1947 are expected by the Agriculture Department this year.

The commercial apple crop is expected to total 126,000,000 bushels, 6 per cent larger than the 1957 crop. The increase is mostly in the Eastern states, with especially large crops in New York and Virginia.

The 1958 peach crop is estimated at 75,500,000 bushels, 21 per cent larger than last year's. The department said crops are larger this year in all but a few commercial peach states.

Detection Stations

East-West experts have officially reported that sneak atomic weapons tests could be detected by a proposed 180 monitoring stations around the world. About ten would be in the United States, fourteen in Russia, and eight in Red China.

New Development

A new method by which heat can be converted directly into electricity has been described by Westinghouse scientists.

It uses a little-known class of materials resembling the ceramics used in china dinnerware. Reacting to heat, they produce electricity simply, silently, and without moving parts.

More Federal Workers

The Government's civilian payroll increased by 6,305 workers in July, the first month of the new fiscal year. This brought the total to 2,373,400.

Job Aid For G. I.'s

Instructions have gone out to the states on how to administer a little-noticed law signed recently by President Eisenhower. It makes jobless pay available to the armed services from now on eligible for unemployment compensation.

The law, a restricted version of the "52-20 Club" after World War II, takes effect the last week of October. It makes jobless pay available for the first time to "peacetime" veterans.

Congress Spending Hit

The Council of State Chambers of Commerce has said that the "spending spree" of the Eighty-fifth Congress would be felt for several years.

The Council said expenditures for the fiscal year 1959 were expected to exceed by at least $5,000,000,000 President Eisenhower's $73,900,000,000 for 1958.

Simpler Tax Forms

The annual tools with income tax returns will be easier for some 17,000,000 taxpayers hereafter, according to a recent announcement by the Internal Revenue Service.

The simple card form 1040-A may be used by persons having incomes of not more than $10,000, starting with the 1958 Federal tax returns.

Chiang Screws Screws

According to the counting Office, the nationalists are using a military budget sustaining strength.

In a report to the listed this and other which is said have the United States program totaling $1,9 Chiang Kai-shek's 1948 through 1957.

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His enjoyed many ...ch On Tuesday, in Mrs. Harry Gilliam, Two cousins, Mrs. Pamplin, and Mrs. of Richmond, were ...dnesday. Saturday ...ing neighbors, Mr. ...and sister, Bertha, ...their way to visit their brother, Lee, and from there would go to Bertha's home on the Northern Neck. Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Eugene Sears and Virginia Martin came.

Sunday, Mrs. Jennie Young entertained twelve guests with a dinner in her home. Present were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington, and Ida Vinegrad, Mr. Henry Covington, and family, Mrs. Bob Covington, Robert Walker and Estelle, and Miss Carrie Hix.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington accompanied by Mr. K. M. Mace, of Richmond attended the Goldern Guernsey Milk Meeting in Newport News on Saturday. Mr. Covington is transferring to Goldren Guernsey milk for the market.

Starting Wednesday, Mrs. Jim Carson will be off on a week's vacation with her sister in Cleveland, accompanied by her two sisters, of Cullen, and her mother, Mrs. Walter Bryant. They will motor to ...

On Tuesday Kinckle Martin enrolled as a freshman at V. P. I. Tom Hix began his senior year at the University of Richmond on Tuesday also.

Mr. Hans van Nes Allen, of Tulsa arrived at his home here on Friday. Mrs. Allen is expected on Wednesday.

Mr. J. S. Hix, of Thomasville will be the house guest of his brother, Mr. Wilkie Hix on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Sept. 16.- Rev. J. E Greene brought a fine message here Sunday morning at the Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. David Paulette and family attended home coming at Madisonville Church Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Jennings is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jennings at Cambria, Va.

Mrs. Rachel McFadden and Mrs. Christine Childress and son, Gene, visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goin, of Berkeville, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris attended home coming at Amherst, where their son, Rev. Robert Harris, is pastor.

Mrs. Clara Garrette and daughter, Mrs. Kenneth St. John visited Mrs. D. R. Inge Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Crews, of Halifax and Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Allen and gina, of Emporia visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Paulette and Mrs. Katie Allen last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette were luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Bruce and family last Thursday.

Mrs. Kermit Campbell and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. Peyton Seay and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Staples and family spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. O. C. Paulette.

The Willing Workers Circle met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Mann last week, with good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Richardson, of Pamplin spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Harvey.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What is corpuscular radiation? Does it affect the earth's weather to any significant degree?

Corpuscular radiation is, in the simplest form, a sort of electric current. It takes the form of charged particles which come into the earth's atmosphere from the sun. It is, then, a radiation from the sun.

Yes, corpuscular radiation plays a major role in determining the earth's weather, according to many able meteorologists.

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Rocks

Rocks, Sept. 15.- Teachers are getting down to real work now, since school opened on Sept. 4. We trust that all motorists will look out for the children.

A good many were out for the prayer service on Tuesday night.

Several of the men and ladies of the Rocks field of churches met up at the parsonage Wednesday P. M., to do some cleaning up before the new pastor, Rev. Winifred Elder, and his family arrives this week.

Mrs. Toby Inge taught a W. M. S. Mission Study Class on "Soul Winning in the Community" at the church on Thursday night.

Barbara Jean Webber spent Wednesday and Thursday nights with Ruby Richardson.

Mrs. Walter Ranson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Elder to Richmond Tuesday, where they visited Mrs. O. L. Payne.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ransone, Jr. of Norfolk visited friends here over the week-end.

S. C. Ranson and Mrs. Kate Dinkins spent Thursday at Victoria with Mrs. Jesse Harding, who is sick. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McIntosh and Teressa, of Evergreen, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach awhile on Thursday night.

Mrs. D. R. Inge had all of her children and quite a few of her grandchildren to spend last Sunday with her.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing around here.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ranson were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Bobby Mitchell at Appomattox on Saturday morning.

Stonewall

Stonewall, Sept. 16.- We are surely having some lovely fall days and nights, but we are so dry. We need some rain for late gardens and pastures.

Little Nancy Smith, of Lynchburg, spent last week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Vinson Russell and children, of Richmond, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas.

Rev. Aaron Smith preached at Bethel Church on Sunday morning. He will conduct prayer meeting in the church on Wednesday night of this week. A large crowd is expected to attend.

The W. S. C. S. of Bethel Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Bessie Stratten in Lynchburg today at 2:00 o'clock. All members are expected to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Cantrell Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Showalters and son, Stephen, of Lynchburg, spent last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Drinkard, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and Lawrence visited Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Chick on Sunday.

Miss Berta Powell, of Richmond, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beard, of Richmond spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. J. H. Beard. Mrs. Beard went with her son home to spend this week with them.

Mrs. W. R. Stratton has gone to Appomattox to live with her sister, Mrs. A. A. Babcock and her family. We wish for her much happiness in her new home. She will be greatly missed by her friends here.

Mrs. R. H. Routon and sons were in Lynchburg last Thursday.

Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. spent last Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Davidson and her family.

Mr. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. visited his sick sister, Mrs. W. H. Robertson at Spout Springs last week. Glad she is improving, and has gotten home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Younger and Mrs. Ruby Oakes, of Rustburg spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Sr. and family.

Mrs. Tilden Lee and children, Winnie and Wayne Lee spent last Friday in Lynchburg.

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